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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

May 6, 2009

Mr. Michael J. Erickson
Associate Vice President/Principal Engineer
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SR-6J

RE: Revised Kalamazoo River SRI Phase 2 Core Analyses -
Focused Step-out Sampling - Crown Vantage Landfill to
Plainwell No. 2 Dam

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the revised Kalamazoo River SRI Proposed Phase 2 Sediment Core Analyses Focused Step-out Sampling from Crown Vantage Landfill to Plainwell No. 2 Dam for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site.

This revised plan proposes additional step-out sampling as a result of previous sampling efforts and subsequent reconnaissance conducted in the fall of 2007. Further, the plan was revised per a March 16, 2009, teleconference with representatives of EPA, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Georgia-Pacific (GP).

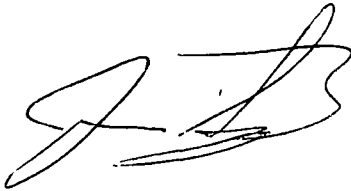
The revised plan incorporates all of EPA's previous comments with one exception. In the March 16, 2009, teleconference GP agreed not to freeze cores for grain size analysis. The revised plan does not reflect this agreement. The October 2007 Field Sampling Plan Standard Operating Procedure F-14 specifically addresses the freezing of samples for PCB analysis and biota only.

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Therefore, EPA approves the Revised Kalamazoo River SRI Proposed Phase 2 Sediment Core Analyses Focused Step-out Sampling from Crown Vantage Landfill to Plainwell No. 2 Dam. Per the October 2007 Field Sampling Plan grain size analysis must be conducted before the cores are frozen.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Saric', with a stylized, cursive script.

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